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Receipt of a copy of the International Search Report and the references cited therein was acknowledged by the USPTO in the NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 AND 37 CFR 1.494 OR 1.495. Therefore, copies of these references are not required to be submitted with this Information Disclosure Statement.

Enclosed herewith are copies of the British Search Report and the references cited therein.

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